

TOWN OF DALTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WAHCONAH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - MAY 3, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.

Town Clerk Barbara L. Suriner opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and Attorney Anthony P. Doyle was elected to preside over the meeting. Jean M Gingras, Victoria M. Sedgwick, Laura L. Maffuccio and Maureen M. Mitchell were appointed tellers and sworn by Town Clerk, Barbara L. Suriner. There were a total of 145 Registered Voters checked at the door as follows:

PRECINCT 1 - 80
PRECINCT 2 - 65
145

ARTICLE 1. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town hear a report of the Select Board on the “State of the Town”.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 2. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town accept as a Public Way the right of way of Falls Brook Terrace as shown on a plan prepared by Hill Engineers, Architects, Planners, Inc. titled “Wahconah Brook Estates, North Street, Dalton MA – Definitive Lot Layout”, which plan was approved by the Dalton Planning Board July 13, 2005 and recorded in the Berkshire Middle Registry of Deeds Plat H No. 15, and laid out by the Select Board on October 22, 2007, and further to authorize the Select Board to acquire, by gift, an easement in said land and the utilities with said way as so laid out, for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Dalton.

CARRIED. DECLARED MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 3. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town, pursuant to the provisions of Section 53E1/2 of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, authorize the establishment of revolving funds for certain town departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 as follows:

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Authorized to Spend Fund</u>	<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Use of Fund</u>	<u>FY11 Spending Limit</u>	<u>Disposition of FY11 Fund Balance</u>
Plumbing Inspector	Town Manager	Plumbing permit Fees and applications	Reimburse Inspector for Inspection Services	\$15,000.00	Balance available for expenditure
Electrical Inspector	Town Manager	Electrical permit Fees and applications	Reimburse Inspector for Inspection Services	\$10,000.00	Balance available for expenditure
Tree Warden/ Planning Board	Tree Warden	Payments from subdivision developers	Planting of trees and shrubs within specific locations	\$5,000.00	Balance available for expenditure
Historical Commission	Town Manager & Commission Treasurer	Gifts, donations and receipts from sales	Expenses relating to the administrative functions of the commission	\$4,000.00	Balance available for expenditure
Cemetery Department	Cemetery Trustees & Superintendent of Highway/Cemetery	Payments for burials outside of the cemetery work day	Grave digging services and overtime payroll expenses	\$2,500.00	\$2,500 of fund balance Available for expenditure, remainder reverts to the General Fund
Council on Aging	Town Manager & COA Director	Receipt of fees for transportation services	Offset expenses of the BRTA bus operation	\$20,000.00	Balance available for expenditure
Dog/Animal Control	Town Clerk	Dog license fees and other charges as provided by Chapter 40 Section 147A	Offset expenses related to the administration of licenses and other animal control matters	\$3,000.00	\$3,000 of fund balance available for expenditure, remainder reverts to General Fund
Cemetery Department	Cemetery Trustees	Reimbursement payments for damage to town cemeteries	Payment of expenses related to the repair of sustained damage	\$5,000.00	Balance available for expenditure
Legal Advertising	Town Manager	Legal advertising fees	Payment of expenses related to legal advertisements	\$3,000.00	\$3,000 of fund balance available for expenditure, remainder reverts to the General Fund
Parks Maintenance	Town Manager & Superintendent	Fees from outside users of Pinegrove	Any lawful maintenance expense	\$1,000.00	Balance available for expenditure

	Highway/Cemetery	Pavilion	in town parks		
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CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.
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ARTICLE 4. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town adopt the "Schedule of Compensation for Elected Officials" for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 as follows:

ELECTED OFFICIALS FY 2011

Moderator	\$ 351
Select Board - Chairman	4,100
- Members (4)	3,266
Town Clerk	36,931

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 5. It was moved, seconded and voted that the amounts of money set forth in the printed report of the Finance Committee, for Fiscal Year 2011 and totaling \$5,989,805 be appropriated for the several purposes therein itemized, each numbered item being considered as a separate appropriation, and that the same be expended only for such purposes..

FY2011
TOWN OPERATING BUDGET

General Government

114	Moderator	
	Salary	351
	Expenses	100
		451
122	Select Board	
	Salary-Elected	17,166
	Expenses	3,422
		20,588
123	Town Manager	
	Salaries	121,045
	Expenses	7,509
		128,554
131	Finance Committee	
	Expenses	185
		185
132	Reserve Fund	
	Expenses	See Article #10
135	Accountant	
	Salaries	41,349
	Expenses	10,560
		51,909
138	Group Purchasing	
	Expenses	600
		600
139	Financial Audit	
	Expenses	17,000
		17,000
141	Assessors	
	Salaries	86,681
	Expenses	16,800
		103,481
145	Town Treasurer	
	Salaries	69,523
	Expenses	21,500
		91,023
146	Town Collector	
	Salaries	55,287
	Expenses	14,871
		70,158
151	Town Counsel	
	Expenses	34,000
		34,000
152	Telephone	
	Expenses	14,240
		14,240
154	Recording Secretary	
	Salary	4,440
		4,440
157	Computer	
	Expenses	6,850
		6,850
158	Postage	
	Expenses	17,136
		17,136
159	Tax Title	
	Expenses	5,000

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161	Town Clerk	
	Salary-Elected	36,931
	Salaries	27,926
	Expenses	6,460
		71,317
162	Elections	
	Salaries	8,671
	Expenses	6,290
		14,969
163	Registrars	
	Salaries	6,035
	Expenses	2,875
		8,910
171	Conservation Commission	
	Expenses	1,846
		1,846
175	Planning Board/Board of Appeals	
	Salary	22,918
	Expenses	300
		23,218
182	Industrial Development Commission	
	Expenses	910
		910
191	Old Dalton High	
	Salary	0
	Expenses	7,100
		7,100
192	Buildings Maintenance	
	Salary	52,295
	Expenses	8,589
		60,884
195	Town Report	
	Expenses	6,650
		6,650
196	Town Hall	
	Salaries	1,500
	Expenses	63,614
		65,114
197	Central Supplies	
	Salaries	0
	Expenses	13,800
		13,800
	CATEGORY TOTAL	840,333
	Public Safety	
210	Police Department	
	Salaries	822,857
	Expenses	85,341
		908,198
222	Communications	
	Salaries	162,896
	Expenses	8,500
		171,396
240	Building Inspections	
	Salaries	39,619
	Expenses	1,700
		41,319
244	Sealer of Weights & Measures	
	Salary	1,268
	Expenses	100
		1,368
247	Inspector of Meat & Cattle	
	Salary	1,288
		1,288
292	Animal Control	
	Salaries	19,382
	Expenses	3,619
		23,001
294	Forest Warden	
	Salary	2,347
	Expenses	1,150
		3,497
295	Emergency Response	
	Salary	3,352
	Expenses	3,745
		7,097
296	Shade Tree/Tree Warden	
	Salary	1,996

Expenses	16,000
	17,996
CATEGORY TOTAL	1,175,160
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Education	
320 Vocational Education Expenses	382,859
	382,859
CATEGORY TOTAL	382,859
401 Town Engineer Expenses	7,000
	7,000
420 Highway Department Salaries Expenses	330,060
	100,948
	431,008
423 Snow & Ice Salaries Expenses	27,267
	112,330
	139,597
424 Streetlights Expenses	80,860
	80,860
433 Landfill Monitoring Salaries Expenses	1,815
	11,950
	13,765
434 Transfer Station Salaries Expenses	2,397
	18,684
	21,081
440 Sewer Maintenance (Offset Receipts) Salaries Expenses	14,046
	6,878
	20,924
449 Sewer Treatment Plant (Offset Receipts) Salaries Expenses	896
	723,297
	724,193
491 Cemetery Department Salaries Expenses	52,785
	20,514
	73,299
CATEGORY TOTAL	1,511,727
Human Services	
510 Board of Health Salary Expenses	26,294
	1,412
	27,706
522 Visiting Nurse Association Expenses	6,417
	6,417
523 Berkshire Mental Health Expenses	2,143
	2,143
541 Council on Aging Salaries Expenses	82,847
	12,239
	95,086
543 Veterans' Services Salary Expenses	6,498
	10,300
	16,798
591 Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Expenses	4,383
	4,383
CATEGORY TOTAL	152,533
Culture and Recreation	
610 Library Salaries Expenses	118,694
	54,678
	173,372
630 Parks and Recreation	See Article #6
650 Parks Maintenance Salaries Expenses	27,481
	14,610

		42,091
691	Historical Commission Expenses	600
		600
	<u>2010</u>	
692	Memorial Day Committee Expenses	1,970
		1,970
693	Cultural Activities Expenses	2,280
		2,280
	CATEGORY TOTAL	220,313
	Debt Service	
710B	(L) Bond Fees	500
		500
710H	Debt and Interest (Highway & TH)	149,125
		149,125
710C	Debt and Interest (Capital Imp Program)	See Article #13
710TH	Debt and Interest (TH)	179,401
		179,401
	CATEGORY TOTAL	329,026
	Other	
911	Berkshire County Retirement Assessment Expenses	339,778
		339,778
913	Unemployment Expenses	9,000
		9,000
914	Group Health Insurance Expenses	761,241
		761,241
915	Group Life Insurance Expenses	6,500
		6,500
916	Medicare Expenses	32,434
		32,434
919	Employment Benefits Salaries	25,180
	Expenses	1,580
		26,760
998	Pension Reserve Fund Expenses	1
		1
941	Court Judgments & Claims Expenses	3,000
		3,000
945	Town Insurance Expenses	198,911
		198,911
950	Commissioner of Trust Funds Expenses	229
		229
	CATEGORY TOTAL	1,377,854
	ARTICLE TOTAL	5,989,805

CARRIED. DECLARED MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 6. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,955.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, for the purpose of providing recreation and leisure time activities to the people of Dalton.

CARRIED. DECLARED MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 7. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town appropriate \$6,599,847.00 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the Operating Budget of the Central Berkshire Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 8. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$589,293.00 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the Transportation Budget of the Central Berkshire Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

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ARTICLE 9. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$292,846.00 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the Capital Budget of the Central Berkshire Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010..

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 10. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$65,000.00 from Free Cash in the Treasury to Account 132, the Reserve Fund, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2010.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 11. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$430,000.00 from Free Cash in the Treasury for the purpose of reducing the expected tax rate increase in the 2011 fiscal year.

CARRIED. DECARED MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 12. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$100,000.00 from Free Cash in the Treasury to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 13. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$187,499.00 from the Capital Stabilization Fund, for the purpose of paying principal and interest on debt incurred under the Capital Improvement Program, due and payable in the 2011 fiscal year.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 14. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town accept the provisions of G.L. c64G, §3A and to authorize the imposition of a local excise of a rate of six percent on the rental of rooms in hotels, motels, lodging houses and bed and breakfast establishments within the Town.

CARRIED. DECLARED MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 15. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town accept the statutory provisions of G.L. c64L, §2(a) authorizing the imposition of a local excise in the statutory amount of .75 percent on the sale of restaurant meals within the Town.

CARRIED. DECLARED MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 16. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town accept Chapter 59 Section 57C of the Massachusetts General Laws for the purpose of providing for quarterly payment of taxes to commence with the 2011 fiscal year.

CARRIED. DECLARED MAJORITY

ARTICLE 17. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town authorize employment agreements between the Town and Highway/Cemetery Superintendent, the Highway/Cemetery Foreman, and the Police Sergeant; all of which include annual salaries that were provided for under Article 5 hereinabove.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 18. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$6,741.00 from Salaries to Expenses and further that \$18,603.00 be transferred from Free Cash in the Treasury, to fund additional expenses in Fiscal Year 2010 in department #423, "Snow and Ice", incurred under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 31D.

CARRIED. DECLARED MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 19. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$382 from Free Cash in the Treasury to pay an unpaid bill from fiscal year 2009 pursuant to the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 section 64.

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.

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ARTICLE 20. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town vote to recess until MONDAY MAY 10, 2010 at 10:00 O'CLOCK A.M. to meet in the DALTON COMMUNITY HOUSE, to choose and elect the following Town Officers and vote on Ballot Questions 1 and 2 as follows:

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(2)	Member(s) - Select Board	For 3 Years
(1)	Member – Select Board	For 1 Year
(1)	Moderator	For 1 Year
(1)	Member - Planning Board	For 5 Years
(1)	Member - Planning Board	For 4Years
(1)	Member –Dalton Housing Authority	For 5 Years
(1)	Member –Dalton Housing Authority	For 2 Years
(1)	Cemetery Trustee	For 3 Years
(3)	Library Trustees	For 3 Years
(1)	Library Trustee	For 1 Year
(3)	Members - Finance Committee	For 3 Years

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Dalton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds or notes issued in order to pay for the Town Hall renovations; highway plow truck; widening and improving of South Street and Housatonic Street; sewer flusher truck; police cruisers and related equipment; highway equipment consisting of a plow, roller, air compressor, and sweeper and related equipment; and landfill closure, clean up, and pollution prevention at the former Dalton Landfill?.

YES _____ NO _____

QUESTION 2

THIS QUESTION IS NON-BINDING

Shall the Town of Dalton amend the Town Manager Act to revert back to three Select Board Members and to eliminate the Town Manager's position?

YES _____ NO _____

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Barbara L. Suriner, TOWN CLERK
